## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** the line between our online and offline lives is indistinguishable. In these tech-fueled times, our homes, societal well-being, economic prosperity and nation's security are impacted by the internet; and

**WHEREAS,** reports indicate that hackers attack every 39 seconds, an average of 2,244 times per day and 46% of organizations received their malware via email; and

**WHEREAS,** with more people working from home, our personal and professional internet-connected environments are colliding on a scale we've never seen before, introducing a whole new set of potential vulnerabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** the City's Innovation and Technology Department makes every effort to educate and train employees to improve security awareness to ensure the security of our internal networks and systems to allow the City to continue serving the public; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Medford invites citizens to participate in Cybersecurity Awareness Month and reminds everyone to "do your part; be cyber smart."

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of Medford, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

## CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Medford and encourage individuals to own their role in protecting connected devices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Randy Sparacino Mayor of Medford